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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 26 November 1957

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence), CIA
Huntington Sheldon
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Major General R. H. Wienecke,* Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Brigadier General John J. Davis,* acting for Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins,* Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Colonel E. G. Van Orman,* acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the IAC

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1. Introduction of General Davis

General Wienecke introduced Brigadier General John J. Davis to the members.

2. NIE 11-4-57
Main Trends in Soviet Capabilities and Policies, 1957-1962

a. Approved as amended.

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c. Agreed to release this estimate to USIA.

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3. Approval of Minutes

a. 19 November Meeting
(IAC-M-316)

Approved as written.

b. 22 November Meeting
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Approved as written.

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4. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report No. 381

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

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Mr. Cumming invited the members' attention to recent developments in the Indonesian situation, commenting in particular on the UN consideration of the West Irian problem and its possible consequences. The Chairman noted that policy-makers for some time had been regularly alerted by the intelligence community regarding developments in the Indonesian situation.

General Davis, referring to last week's discussion of Guatemalan developments, circulated copies of an Army report bearing on certain aspects of that situation.

Mr. Cumming noted that a recent CIA current intelligence report has proved particularly timely and useful in connection with diplomatic discussions with Foreign Minister Brentano over the past weekend.

5. Progress Reports re Action Taken Pursuant to Post-Mortem on NIE 11-5-57

a. Progress Report by GMIC (IAC-D - 57/59.2, 5 November)

The members noted this report, and discussed the draft Priority National Guided Missile Intelligence Objectives (Tab A) with Colonel McFarland, Chairman GMIC. Various amendments

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were proposed and the members agreed that a new draft set of these objectives should be prepared in the light of the discussion and submitted for reconsideration at the next regular IAC meeting. In the course of this exchange of views, the Chairman also stated that any forthcoming modification of the over-all Priority National Intelligence Objectives (DCID 4/6), which General Bull had indicated were currently under review by the Board of National Estimates, should include an appropriate reference to space-craft under the highest priority objectives.

b. Progress Report by SEC
(IAC-D-57/59.3, 12 November)

Noted this report.

6. Recommendation No. 4 of
President's Board of Consultants
(IAC-D-111, 4 November;
IAC-D-111/1, 21 November;
Limited Distribution)

The members noted the report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Recommendation No. 4 and discussed a draft reply submitted by the Subcommittee. After exchanging views on this matter, the members agreed that the reply should be based on a draft tabled by General Collins and approved an amended version of this draft, which included a proposed revision of Recommendation No. 4.

In this connection, the members also concurred in General Lewis' suggestion (in renewed discussion after item 9 below) that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee established to consider Recommendation No. 4 continue on an active basis, in anticipation of probable further assignments in this same general field.

7. Recommendation No. 1
of President's Board of Consultants
(IAC-D-114, 12 November;
Warning Systems Survey Committee
Report, 18 November; Limited
Distribution)

a. The members noted the quarterly report of the Warning

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Systems Survey Committee (WSSC) on its activities. In discussing this report, various members emphasized that the Committee should attempt to make rapid progress in carrying out its mission. In this connection, General Cabell, noting the competing demands for the time of the members of the WSSC, urged the IAC members to relieve their representatives on this Committee of other duties to the extent feasible in order to permit them to give priority to their work on the WSSC.

b. The members considered a CIA draft reply to Recommendation No. 1 which was distributed at the meeting. Various relevant matters were discussed, including the type of intelligence information toward which this recommendation should be directed, the nature of the communications problem faced by the intelligence community in implementing it, and various steps which were being, or might be, taken to ensure the availability of communications adequate to fulfill the requirements for an effective early warning system. After exchanging views the members agreed that the reply should be redrafted in the light of this discussion prior to its submission to the NSC.

c. A CIA memorandum was distributed which outlined proposed terms of reference for a working group study of elapsed times in delivery of significant intelligence items, designed to fulfill a White House requirement. The members discussed matters such as the possible nature and scope of this study, as well as certain practical difficulties inherent in carrying out such a project. Following their exchange of views the members agreed to nominate representatives for a working group, which would undertake such a study in the light of this discussion and generally on a more limited or restricted basis than indicated in the draft terms of reference. [redacted] who was then presiding, also stated that he would be in contact with General Samford, Director, NSA, regarding the activities of this group. 25X1

8. Release of SNIE 31/1-57
Yugoslavia's International
Position
(Memorandum to IAC, 22 November)

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9. NIE 13-2-57
Communist China's
Role in Asia

Agreed to defer consideration of this estimate until the next regular IAC meeting.

Adjournment: 1330

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Secretary

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